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Unite the Green and White!

Game for a friendly contest? Rider pride to be spread across province in time for Grey Cup celebrations

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In honour of this year's Grey Cup in Regina, Saskatchewan communities will put their Rider pride to the test this summer in a provincewide community challenge to see which city or town is home to the most fanatic melonheads.

The Richardson Pioneer Rider Nation Community Celebration will award three communities a combined $100,000 for local health and wellness projects. A big party will also be hosted in each of the triumphant towns.

The winning communities will be judged on how best they can rally together and show off their Rider pride.

"I think we will see streets renamed and replicas of Mosaic (Stadium) and almost anything you can think of," Jim Hopson, CEO of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, said on Wednesday as the competition was announced at the Saskatchewan Science Centre. "We will see the green and white houses and flags, and people are really creative so they will come up with ideas we haven't even heard of."

One of the stated goals of the competition is to spread the energy and atmosphere that comes with hosting the Grey Cup across the rest of the province. The winning communities will be chosen by fan voting and announced on Sept. 14 at a Roughriders home game.

"Rider Nation is truly much more than Regina and area," said Hopson. "This is the Saskatchewan Roughriders and it is really a way for those (other) communities to connect and feel a part of the experience."

The competition — sponsored by agriculture company Richardson Pioneer — is reminiscent of the 2010 Where Is Riderville? promotion, which saw Avonlea awarded the title of Riderville for the Roughriders' centennial.

"That was such a big success — the fans really embraced it, the communities embraced it. It was a lot of fun," Hopson said. "I envision the same thing this time."

Jim Hopson, CEO of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, announces the $100,000 Richardson Pioneer Rider Nation Community Celebration at the Saskatchewan Science Centre on Wednesday. The provincewide competition seeks to name the cities or towns with the most devoted Riders fans, like this masked man, inset, flexing his guns outside Mosaic Stadium last season. PHOTOS BY JEFF MACKEY/METRO

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Child exploitation case

Cops nab 67-year-old man in Regina

The Saskatchewan Internet Child Exploitation Unit arrested a 67-year-old Regina man in central Regina on Tuesday.

After a two-week investigation that utilized a local social media site, investigators arrested Ronald Robert Schoenthal. METRO

Debate on small reserve

Chief's future in question after sex assault

There is debate on a small reserve in southeastern Saskatchewan about whether its chief should be removed from his job.

Terry McArthur of the Pheasant Rump Nakota First Nation has stayed on as leader since he pleaded guilty earlier this month to sexually assaulting a teenage girl.

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$100,000 for winner

Local man up for entrepreneur prize

Joel Pinel, 28, has his eyes set on the Business Development Bank of Canada's Young Entrepreneur Award. The competition includes 9 finalists competing for a $100,000 grand prize.

The winning entrepreneur will be announced on June 17. METRO

Greg Black, left, and Brian Tilley of the Capital Pointe development group say they're looking forward to completing Saskatchewan's tallest residential tower. METRO

Long-delayed condo project set for 2015

First planned in 2009. Capital Pointe construction to start soon, developers say

A high-rise tower in downtown Regina is expected to open in about 2 ½ years, offering what its developers say will be luxurious yet affordable condominiums and a top-notch hotel.

After long delays in construction following the Capital Pointe project's initial planning in 2009, the firms overseeing the development say they're not concerned about any possible drop in their credibility — or a loss of the community's confidence in their ability to get it done.

"We're here, we're credible, and we're going to make this building a reality," Brian Tilley, vice-president of sales and marketing for the Augustine Group, said on Wednesday at the site at Victoria Avenue and Albert Street.

Stepping in as controlling partner in the development of what's described as Saskatchewan's tallest residential complex, the Niagara Falls, Ont.-based Augustine Group has taken the lead from BrightStar Corp. of Toronto.

"We've been working to put all the pieces in place around getting this project started for months," said Greg Black, project director with BrightStar, which remains involved in a minority role.

"BrightStar took it as far as they could take it, and they're now delighted to have a new partner coming in to take it to the finish line."

That finish is anticipated in the fall of 2015, following construction of the more than $100-million complex to include a 26-storey condo tower and the adjoining 11-floor hotel, which Tilley said will be "separate, but within the same structure" connecting them.

Building will begin after five months of electrical duct preparations by SaskPower at the site — the former home of the Plains Hotel — owned by Westgate Properties.

Capital Pointe's 180 condos will start at $189,990 in price, though Augustine pegs the highest-end suite at more than $3 million "for the most spacious and spectacular penthouse residence in the province."

The hotel's brand hasn't been finalized, though the developers have talked to the Hilton Garden chain about signing on. ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

Facebook page will be back up within a month, Regina police say

Regina Police Chief Troy Hagen has announced that the force's Facebook page will be back online in the next month.
ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO FILE

Online. Chief touts new site policy but remains vague on details

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Regina police will soon be back on Facebook after a two-month hiatus caused by an avalanche of unruly and even threatening public comments on the force's page directed toward officers.

The Regina Police Service Facebook page should be up and running within the next 30 days with new policy changes, Chief Troy Hagen said on Wednesday.

"We are getting there. It's almost there," Hagen said after a Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

"We are working on some technical aspects to the page, and working on some policy components.... We are anxious to get it to re-launch."

Hagen would not comment on exactly what the new policy for the Facebook page will include.

He did say the force collaborated with the Regina Police Association on the issue and met with the union on Tuesday to display the changes.

Association president Evan Bray said he is pleased with the new policy and will stand beside the RPS when the site goes back online.

"They have taken steps and put some policies and processes in place that will not only protect our members, but still allow for effective communication," Bray told Metro News on Wednesday.

The page was taken down after it was flooded with comments — many of them profane — that were deemed abusive or hateful toward police members following an incident in which an officer shot and killed a pit bull on March 24.

The following day, Bray said publicly that tighter control of the Facebook page would be needed after posted comments such as, "The only good police officer is a dead police officer." He asked at that time for a read-only site, or a delay or filter on comments so they could be checked before being posted.

The page was removed on the night of March 25 after police found the comments unmanageable, and they said its shutdown would be temporary.

Quoted

"We've done a lot of work on it. We were committed to getting it up as quickly as we could."

Regina police Chief Troy Hagen, on the force's Facebook page.

'It's part art auction, part volunteer fair'

An art auction is taking money out of the equation and encouraging bidders to give their time instead.

At the Timeraiser event on Thursday night, people from the community will bid on local art pieces with volunteer hours. They have 12 months to complete their hours before getting to take home their pieces.

"It's part art auction, part volunteer fair, part night on the town," said event co-ordinator Amanda Lanoway.

Lanoway explained that the event is great for attracting people who may want to volunteer but don't know about opportunities to do so.

"We hear all the time that one of the barriers to volunteering is people just don't know where to start," said Lanoway. "The event provides that mechanism to connect with 32 local charities looking for volunteers."

Timeraiser has been in existence for a decade in cities across Canada, but it came to Regina only last year. Already, the Regina event has grown from 16 pieces of art and 26 non-profit organizations attending to 20 artworks and 32 non-profit groups setting up shop.

All the local artists are paid for their work with corporate sponsorships, and the maximum bid for any piece is 100 hours. Timeraiser also encourages everyone who attends to pledge at least 20 hours, which can be used at different organizations around the city.

The non-profits, said Lanoway, are looking for anything from short-term volunteers to long-term volunteer board members, committee members and people with specialized skills.

Last year, the 200 attendees pledged 3,960 volunteer hours.

With 190 tickets sold so far for this year's event, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Casino Regina, Lanoway is hoping to exceed 4,000 volunteer hours.

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Participants at last year's Timeraiser pledged 3,960 volunteer hours to non-profit organizations in Regina. NICOLE GERHARDT PHOTOGRAPHY

Saskatoon

Fans can't resist Stanley Cup's call

It's the dream-maker and dream-breaker of professional hockey and on Wednesday morning, it was in Saskatoon.

The Stanley Cup attracted hockey fans from across the country for a chance to get close to the sport's most sought-after trophy.

On display as part of the Hockey Hall of Fame exhibit brought to Saskatoon for the Memorial Cup, the Stanley Cup was getting a lot of attention and for some, it was a dream come true.

Brian Moodie, a life-long hockey fan and father of Saskatoon Blades backup goalie Alex Moodie, was

Treagen Green-Edmonds, 6, smiles for a photo with the Stanley Cup on Wednesday. METRO

in town for the Memorial Cup and he said he's been waiting a long time to get this close to Lord Stanley's prize.

"It's been my life dream," said Moodie. "I've seen it in Toronto in the Hockey Hall of Fame, but I've never been up close to it.... I always wanted to be a hockey player, but I never had any talent."

When asked about the tournament so far, Moodie gave the event an "A-plus."

Others like Colby Gallant, a young hockey fan from Prince Edward Island, said he's been enjoying Saskatoon and the tournament.

"It's just kind of cool because we never get to see stuff like this in P.E.I. It's a once-in-a-lifetime trip," he said.

The Hockey Hall of Fame's Philip Pritchard, the keeper of the cup, said wherever the cup goes, fans are sure to follow.

"Canada and hockey have grown up together," he said. "To bring the cup to a first-class event (like the Memorial Cup) and see the lineup of fans — it's awesome. You know you're in hockey country when that happens."

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London attack leaves man hacked to death

Two suspects hospitalized. British PM says there are 'strong indications' it was a terrorist incident

A tent is erected near the scene of an attack in London on Wednesday. A British official says the violent attack near a London barracks is being investigated as a possible terrorist act. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a brutal daylight attack which raised fears that terrorism had returned to London, two men with butcher knives hacked another man to death near military barracks Wednesday before police wounded them in a shootout.

In a shocking video broadcast on British TV, one man gestured with bloodied hands, waving a butcher knife in the air and shouting political statements against the British government as pedestrians stood nearby a body lying motionless on the street. Bloodstains coated the street.

British officials said the attack appeared to be an act of terrorism, possibly motivated by radical Islam.

The two suspects remained hospitalized on Wednesday but their identities and that of their victim were not known. One of them was reported to be in serious condition.

French President Francois Hollande, speaking at a press conference in Paris, said it was a British soldier who was killed. British Prime Minister David Cameron didn't immediately confirm that claim.

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Boston Marathon. Man shot to death during FBI probe into bombing

A Chechen immigrant was shot to death by authorities while being questioned in the Boston Marathon bombing case early Wednesday after he lunged at an FBI agent with a knife, officials said.

Ibragim Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, was gunned down at his home during a meeting with the agent and two Massachusetts state troopers, authorities said. The agent was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

The FBI gave no details on why they were interested in Todashev. But acquaintances said Todashev knew one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, from mixed martial arts fighting.

Tsarnaev was killed in a shootout with police days after the April 15 bombings. His brother, Dzhokhar, survived and is charged with carrying out the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

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Afghanistan

Suicide bomber kills anti-Taliban village elder, 3 others in market

A suicide bomber on foot killed an anti-Taliban village elder and at least three others in a busy marketplace Wednesday in central Afghanistan, the latest in a wave of assassinations and bombings.

Habibullah Khan was killed along with two bodyguards and a civilian bystander in the afternoon attack in Ghazni province's Moqur district, police said. At least 14 civilians were wounded, most of them shoppers and merchants.

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Harper swears ignorance of $90K bailout of senator

First public comments. PM says he would have denied chief of staff's donation if consulted

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government deploys a vast early-warning communications system to warn of potential problems ahead.

But Harper insisted Wednesday that he learned about his right-hand man bailing out an embattled Conservative senator in much the same way as other Canadians did: by seeing it on the news.

"Immediately upon learning that the source was indeed my chief of staff, Nigel Wright, I immediately asked that that information be released publicly," Harper said at a news conference in Peru, the first time he's taken questions publicly on the scandal.

"Had I obviously been consulted, more importantly, I would not have agreed, and it is obviously for those reasons that I accepted Mr. Wright's resignation."

Wright quit on Sunday as details emerged on him giving Sen. Mike Duffy $90,000 to repay what he improperly expensed for housing. Duffy quit the Conservative caucus last Thursday.

The scandal is under investigation by the federal ethics commissioner; Duffy's expenses in particular are being reviewed again by an internal Senate committee.

The payment allowed Duffy to stop co-operating with the external audit of his expenses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephen Harper said he is "extremely angry," but the mess was dealt with promptly. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senate review

Passage cut in report

The Tory-dominated, closed-door Senate committee studying Mike Duffy's improper housing expenses deleted reference to his failure to co-operate with external auditors before releasing its report.

Another section, which called the language explaining residence rules "unambiguous," was also deleted — but stayed in the reports on other senators.

Duffy, meanwhile, said he's pleased the same committee will be reviewing his expenses once again. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto mayor's brother condemns crack craze

Mayor Rob Ford stayed silent on Wednesday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rob Ford's staunchest supporter attempted on Wednesday to quell the controversy raging around Toronto's mayor over his alleged use of crack cocaine by citing his record in office and blasting the media.

"Rob is telling me these stories are untrue, that these accusations are ridiculous," said Coun. Doug Ford.

"And I believe him."

Ford did little to douse the flames sparked by reports last week from the website Gawker and Torstar News Service. They say the mayor appears to have been caught on video smoking crack and making homophobic and racist remarks.

The mayor's only comments came Friday, when he briefly called the allegations "ridiculous" and suggested Torstar was out to get him.

Instead, Doug Ford lauded his brother's achievements — such as balancing the budget — before lashing out at the media.

He accused reporters of going on a witch hunt, reserving his harshest criticism for Gawker.

"What you are doing is disgusting," Ford said. "Giving away prizes to try to raise money for drug dealers and extortionists is disgraceful."

Gawker has been trying to raise $200,000 to buy and post the video, reportedly being shopped around by a west-end drug dealer.

"Never has a Canadian politician, or his family, been targeted by the media this way," Ford said. "They zealously stalk my mother, my children — the media hides in the bushes at our cottage." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kicked off the team

In another blow Wednesday, the Toronto District Catholic School Board dropped the mayor as volunteer football coach of the Don Bosco Eagles.

- Ford allegedly disparaged the players in the video.
- The board made no reference to the drug allegations in a statement.

Eatery owners show how not to behave online

Social media. Arizona restaurateurs' poor conduct highlights the importance of dealing with negative reviews

It was the customer service disaster heard around the Internet.

A Scottsdale, Ariz. restaurateur, fed up after years of negative online reviews and an embarrassing appearance on a reality television show, allegedly posted a social media rant laced with salty language and angry, uppercase letters that quickly went viral last week, to the delight of people who love a good Internet meltdown.

Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz., temporarily closed after an episode of Kitchen Nightmares aired. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I AM NOT STUPID ALL OF YOU ARE," read the posting on the Facebook wall of Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz. "YOU JUST DO NOT KNOW GOOD FOOD."

It was, to put it kindly, not a best-business practice. Add to that an appearance earlier this month on the Fox reality TV show Kitchen Nightmares — where celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay gave up on trying to reform the restaurant after the owners refused to listen to his advice — and you have a recipe for disaster.

"That's probably the worst thing that can happen," said Sujan Patel, founder and CEO of Single Grain, a digital marketing agency in San Francisco.

In the evolving world of online marketing, where the power of word of mouth has been wildly amplified by the whims and first impressions of anonymous reviewers posting on dozens of social media websites, online comments, both good and bad, and the reactions they trigger from managers, can make all the difference between higher revenues and empty storefronts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Real estate. Home-buying intentions remain relatively strong, bank report finds

A new report suggests nearly half of Canadian homeowners intend to buy a property in the next five years, despite a cooling off in the housing market.

The BMO Housing Confidence Report says the 48 per cent figure is mostly unchanged from late 2012, suggesting continued confidence in the housing market.

Among major cities, the report found a five-point gain in buying intentions in Vancouver, while Calgary was down by 13 points.

Buying intentions in the Greater Toronto Area and Montreal have held steady, while Atlantic Canada has seen a 15 per cent jump in buying intentions.

The bank's report further suggests close to half of all homeowners under 40 intend to purchase a larger home within the next five years.

The BMO report by Pollara was based on online interviews with a random sample of 1,008 Canadian homeowners between Feb. 21-27. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The housing market slowdown hasn't had much impact on consumer buying intentions, a new BMO report says. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Economic impact

Housing slowdown could cost 150K jobs, group warns

Canada's housing market is slowing dramatically in terms of both sales and construction, dragging down economic growth and putting some 150,000 jobs at risk in coming years, the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals warns in its spring report. The group stops short of calling the slide that began about nine months ago a crash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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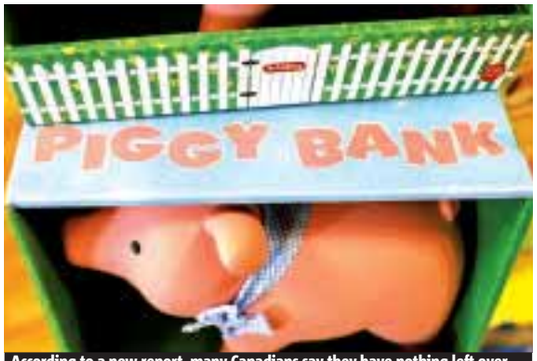
One-third of Canadians live paycheque-to-paycheque

Almost a third of Canadian households report never or almost never having any money left to save after paying their bills, according to a new study issued Wednesday.

Households that reported no wealth accumulation tended to be working, middle-aged people — although of varying income levels, says the study by the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada.

"They felt that their incomes were not keeping pace with the cost of living," said Rock Lefebvre, co-author of the study, which surveyed more than 1,800 people.

Consumer consumption, such as the use of home equity lines of credit, was among things hurting the accumulation of wealth, Lefebvre said.



According to a new report, many Canadians say they have nothing left over for the piggy bank once their bills are paid. GETTY IMAGES FILE

"This consumption pattern that has emerged over the last decade ... is playing havoc with people's ability to save," he said.

"Because of the low interest rates coupled with the behaviour of borrowing, people are possibly buying homes and cars that are a little more expensive than what they would typically be able to afford."

Meanwhile, two-thirds of households with no wealth accumulation — meaning the value of their assets was less or about the same as the amount of their household debt — didn't expect to get any further ahead in the next three years, the study said.

However, about 70 per cent of Canadian households reported they had accumulated some wealth.

But Lefebvre said the result may have been more of a "feeling" than an objective assessment of wealth.

"They could be saving $100 or they could be saving $100,000," said Lefebvre, vice-president of research and standards. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

$6,600

The report found that the wealth of an average Canadian adult was only $6,600 in 2012, or 2.7 per cent higher when compared to the wealth controlled by households at the beginning of 2008. It also found that only three in 10 households surveyed believed the accumulation of wealth was a very important personal goal.

Labour dispute

Union says Porter Airlines is trying to silence members with lawsuit

Porter Airlines is using a lawsuit to stop the union representing 22 striking workers from protesting the way the airline treats its employees, the Canadian Office and Professional Employees union contends.

In a statement of defence filed in Ontario Superior court, COPE said Wednesday that a lawsuit filed by Porter over comments made on Twitter is an abuse of process designed to silence and restrict the union and its members. "The intended purpose of this litigation is to intimidate the defendants so that they abandon their legitimate criticism of the plaintiffs," the statement said.

Porter Airlines filed a lawsuit in April seeking $3 million for general and special damages for defamation and $1 million in punitive, aggravated and exemplary damages.

The suit named the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union Local 343 and its strike co-ordinator, Mary Stalteri, as defendants. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Plastic surgery: Evian bottle gets a facelift

Evian is giving itself a makeover to keep up with its sleek, young competitors on store shelves. On Wednesday, it unveiled a new bottle for the first time in 14 years. The water brand, which is owned by French food and beverage company Danone, is looking to reinvigorate its image and win back market share in the premium water category. Instead of the contoured bottle that has long defined the brand, the new look has cleaner lines, reminiscent of the cylinder-like shape of the Smartwater bottle. RICHARD PIERCE/EVIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MY GOOGLE GLASS IS HALF EMPTY

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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Attention early adopters: Google Glass is on its way, and the new wearable technology is going to completely revolutionize the way that humans irritate each other.

The computer/eyeglasses hybrid hasn't yet been released to the general public, but Google Glass is already at the centre of the great debate that accompanies the arrival of any major new technology.

Namely: Is it a force for evil, or for good?

Is Google Glass a further erosion of our privacy, like CCTV cameras or the mirror? Or is it a great tech leap forward, like the jump from Nintendo to Super Nintendo?

My best guess? Neither. There will be a few innovative uses, sure, and a few major misuses, and a totally disproportionate amount of porn.

But I suspect people who think there will be life-altering repercussions might find that there's a Glass ceiling to be hit.

I've seen the glasses described as "augmented reality," which seems like a bit much. It's not as if it will provide a holodeck-like experience, allowing you to walk the vast empty expanse of Google Plus in 3D.

Google Glass is, for all intents and purposes, just a hands-free iPad.

Which is why I say its major impact will be providing innovative ways for people to irritate each other.

Look deep into the crystal (display) ball and you'll see what I mean:

• First the general public will scoff at the early adopters standing in line on Opening Day, then the early adopters will roll their eyes a few months later as moms and dads buy each other Google Glasses for Christmas

• Eventually there will be different styles and capabilities of Google Glass, and they'll become status symbols, with each clique annoyed that the other owns the device for the "wrong" reasons. Presumably the hipster Google Glasses won't even have lenses.

• There will be some anti-Glass protest groups decrying the end of privacy. They will make many good points, but they'll also be so smug and self-important that you'll be glad their cause is hopeless.

• One moronic motorist will, say, drive into scaffolding while playing Angry Birds on his glasses, setting off numerous idiotic political debates that will accomplish nothing. A U.S. senator will say something about the glasses that show he has not used a new piece of technology since the Vic-20.

• Once the device is ubiquitous, it will be hard to tell whether random people are Googling, which means Google Glass will combine the phone app annoyance of being ignored, with the phone call frustration of hearing only half a conversation.

In short, these new Portable Annoyance Devices, or eyePADs, will be deeply irritating at times. But they're not going to hasten the end of civilization, either, and you'll probably own one eventually.

Like all technology, Google Glass will only be as good or as bad as the humans who wield it. So we probably are doomed. But only to disappointment. Google Glass half full?

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Microscopic crystals bloom in beaker

Scientists at Harvard University have been able to grow microscopic crystals into dainty "flower" structures on a beaker of chemical fluid.

Dr. Wim Noorduin and his team at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) found they can control the growth behaviour of crystals to create intricate molecular objects. Two chemical compounds are dissolved in water in a simple glass beaker.

As CO_2 enters the beaker from the air, it triggers reactions that result in forming microscopic objects, a process that takes up to four hours.

"By manipulating the mixture's conditions, like adding some acid or kitchen salt, a large diversity of shapes — from vases to corals — can be made," says Noorduin.

"When zooming in using an electron microscope, you see that inside the beaker a vast landscape of complex, sculpted microstructures has evolved in which you can get completely lost. It really feels like you are diving in an alien coral reef," he added. METRO

Petals in zoom

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micrometres (0.00005 metres) is the size of one "flower" — equivalent to the width of six red blood cells, or smaller than the thickness of a bank note. While Noorduin admits that "there are no practical applications yet," making these aesthetically pleasing objects "moves towards the control that is required for many practical applications, such as optical materials and catalysts."

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Just in time to start tabling your summer travel plans, a new gastro-site is helping connect tourists with local foods. Imagine Airbnb meeting Feastly, and you get the idea: Cookening.com is a site dedicated to matching eager chefs with hungry tourists (though locals are invited, too). Cookening doesn't have what you're looking for? Try these similar sites:

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Eatfeastly.com
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@metropicks asked: Are you worried about Canada's reputation abroad because of Rob Ford?

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@A_McDo: No, the world will soon return to never, ever thinking about Canada.

@NikkiLambTudico: I'm not worried. Firstly, he doesn't represent all of Canada. Second, no country is immune to idiotic politicians. #dimeadozen

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Locked stock open for b-day

MacKenzie Art Gallery. Vault contains 4,500 pieces of art that the public can check out on Saturdays

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For its 60th Anniversary, people will able to venture down into the MacKenzie Art Gallery's basement vault, which houses approximately 4,500 pieces of art.
ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Galleries across Canada are apparently jealous of the MacKenzie Art Gallery for an unconventional piece of its building: the loading dock.

"It sounds like kind of an odd thing to boast about, but it's about the envy of every gallery in the county," said MAG's executive director Jeremy Morgan.

Morgan says it's important to be able to open the dock in minus 40 C weather and safely move any art in a controlled environment into its basement in the TC Douglas Building.

The basement itself is a 22,598 square foot underground maze of rooms and hallways.

Behind one door is a workshop, full of carpentry tools and wood for making display cases, crates and frames. Turning another corner reveals a laboratory of sorts for art conservation.

Travel crates painted the Aruba blue fill one room, which sits next to a room used to acclimatize incoming art to its new environment.

Before making its way onto the gallery floor, much of the art sits in a storage room before finally heading up in the MacKenzie elevator — which is so big they have hosted parties in it — and opens into a hidden room inside the gallery upstairs.

"We have a very, very rich resource below the scenes," said Morgan.

"People don't know how sophisticated this is compared to many other public art galleries."

MAG is one of the only galleries in the prairies with a full-time conservator on staff. Brenda Smith is kept busy in a basement laboratory working on gallery paintings as well as private collections.

Smith uses science, as well as experiments with unconventional items, to fix any pieces of art that comes into MAG. For her last saved piece, she fixed a puncture in a painting with the help dental floss, toothpicks and fish glue.

"Its problem solving, trying to figure out what to do," said Smith, "It's also artistic based because if I am going to be matching paints I have to have a good eye."

The last main room below the gallery is perhaps the most well known: The vault, which houses 4,500 permanent collections for the gallery.

The 7,000 square foot vault's temperature and humidity are monitored closely to protect the art.

For its 60th birthday, the MAG is giving people a rare chance to venture down to the gallery for a peek at its collection.

"People are very interested in what goes on below the scenes, below the galleries," said executive director Jeremy Morgan.

"People are really fascinated by the vault. They are looking around, they are asking questions and are very engaged."

As part of its exhibition How We Filled the Vault: Sixty Years of Collecting, which shows off different pieces organized into each decade upstairs at the gallery, people will get a chance to go into the basement and view the vault at 2 p.m. every Saturday, from June 1 to August 31.

Jessica Walter returns as the booze-fueled matriarch Lucille Bluth on Arrested Development. HANDOUT

Get her a vodka rocks, Lucille Bluth is back and ready to go

Arrested Development. Jessica Walter's 50-year acting career has entered a renaissance, and she's grateful for it

TODD GILCHRIST
Metro World News

By her count, Jessica Walter has been a member of the Screen Actors Guild for 50 years, a period of time that encompasses a vast body of work — dramatic (Grand Prix), suspenseful (Play Misty For Me), supernatural (Dr. Strange) and, most recently, comedic (Archer). But for Walter, the forthcoming return of Arrested Development offers a reassuring reminder that her career has transcended not just different genres, but different generations.

"Certainly demographically, there are probably people who thought I was dead," Walter says candidly. "I have people that are my age and older who know who I am, who remember some of my work from the old days, and then I used to get, 'Wow, my mother really likes you.' Then I'd get, 'My grandma really likes you.' And now I get 'I really like you!' So how can I be unhappy about that?"

No writer's block here

"The thing about our show, which I think you probably realize from watching it, is that the writing is so character-specific."

Jessica Walter
On Arrested Development.

According to Walter, who plays boozy matriarch Lucille Bluth, virtually every line of dialogue in the 15 new episodes creator Mitchell Hurwitz wrote has a double (or even triple) meaning, much like those in the 53 episodes of the show that were broadcast during its three seasons on Fox. But because each episode now focuses on a different character, instead of simply following Jason Bateman's Michael Bluth, conversational contexts shifted frequently — a change that provided a considerable challenge for Walter and her co-stars as they navigated their way through Hurwitz's latticework of plot strands and one-liners.

"We didn't know a whole lot, a lot of the time, which makes it much more difficult," she admits. "In the end, it all worked out, but it's a strange way to work because you don't have all of the materials."

Still, the actress says she slipped easily back into the role, even after a seven-year hiatus between the show's cancellation and its rebirth on Netflix.

"The thing about our show, which I think you probably realize from watching it, is that the writing is so character-specific," she observes. "Once I heard Tony (Hale's) voice and once I saw him, there he was with the hook and his pathetic demeanor, he was my little Busty again."

Between Lucille on Arrested Development and Mallory Archer on Archer, Walter finds herself in the midst of a remarkable career renaissance, a fact she's grateful for, regardless of whether people know her prior to playing these cantankerous, irresistibly manipulative mothers.

"I'm so glad they think of something," she says humbly.

"At my age I'm privileged that they think of something, so it doesn't bother me a bit if they think of me as Lucille. And people have been really nice — they don't seem to think of Lucille as horrible, thank God. But as long as they're thinking of me, it makes me happy."

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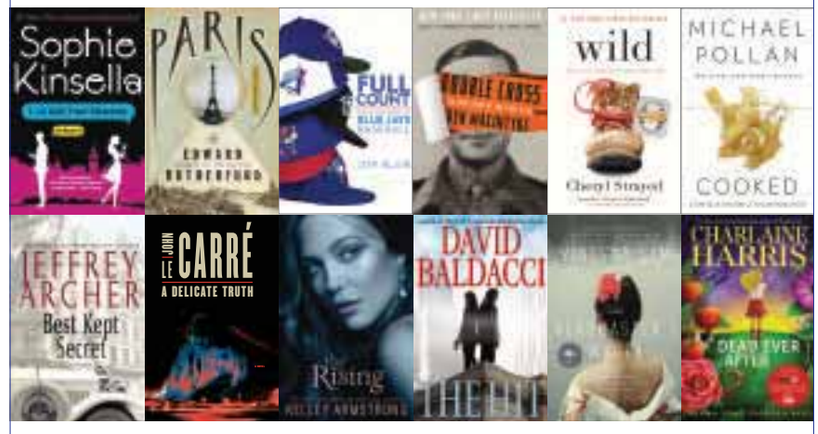

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KStew and RPattz: Never, ever getting back together?

In the wake of her split from Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart is apparently seeking the counsel of a pal who's something of a breakup specialist. The Twilight star was spotted heading to Taylor Swift's Beverly Hills home earlier this week, according to PopSugar. Stewart reportedly "spent all day there" before heading home. This comes after Pattinson was seen removing his possessions and dogs from Stewart's house. "She tried, they both tried," a source tells Us Weekly of the split. "They're both good people. It was just not the right thing for either of them right now."

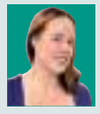
Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

Brad and Angie: Still gaga

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie aren't afraid to show their affection for each other — even if their kids protest, to hear Pitt's pal, Frank Pollaro, tell it. "Once I walked in and Angie was standing there and Zahara walked up and said, 'Daddy, you're not going to start making out with Mommy again, are you?'" Pollaro tells Esquire. "And it's like that. This is a guy who has tried not to do any sexy scenes with other women since he's met Angelina. He's crazy about her, and she's the same way about him."

The Word

Things just got 'real' for this housewife



THE WORD
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The Real Housewives of the OC star Tamra Barney joins the ranks of Bethenny Frankel and Kim Zolciak as Housewives who have gotten their own Bravo show. The divorced mother of four's new show will centre around her wedding to fiancé Eddie Judge, which will be held this summer in California. The two are then opening a gym together (of course they are).

So far, the show has no title, but the spin-off is a no-brainer, according to RadarOnline. "For Bravo, she has it all: the romantic storyline of getting married, for a third time, the drama with the other OC Housewives and she'll inevitably be a beautiful bride, when she walks down the aisle," a source tells the site.

Will Smith

Is Will Smith going to get jiggy with Kanye West?

Will Smith may be heading back to the music world, and if he does we have Kanye West to thank.

"I've been messing around with Kanye," Smith tells HipHollywood.com.

"We went in the studio a couple times, so I might get the bug. I'm not going to do it unless I'm truly inspired, but (Kanye has) been pushing me a little bit."

Smith has not released any music since 2005.

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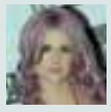

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The skinny on Zoe Saldana's weight

Zoe Saldana is shaking her head at the backlash she's been feeling over her Allure magazine cover spread that revealed her weight as 115 pounds. "I don't understand it sometimes. It almost felt like you were just looking for a reason to just be upset at the fact that I allowed myself to be very free and collaborating with a magazine that is known for collaborating with the subjects," she tells E! News. "It's not the first time that people have said, for such a delicate-looking person, you're very tough. And I think that was the idea that they wanted to get across as a compliment to what they saw in me."

Zoe Saldana

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Double-duty denim

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Metro World News in London

3.1 Phillip Lim

Chambray pants, $425, netaporter.com

Madewell

Two-tone chambray shirt $88, madewell.com

Reiss

1971 Robbie shirt $170, reiss.com

Zara

Jeans, $80, zara.com

MiH

Jeans, $235 netaporter.com

Real world application

A test run

Every season offers a new interpretation of denim, some easier to pull off than others.

Last year's look — those ubiquitous leopard spots — were harmless and versatile. But this season brings some more challenging fare — neon tie-dye anyone?

On the surface, two-tone jeans look like they'd be dangerous, placing you in ironic, hipster, try-too-hard territory. But they're actually versatile, striking a good balance between right-now and still-stylish-later.

I chose a pair by the British label Made in Heaven because they did just that, plus, they're just skinny enough without preventing one's ability to breathe. I wore mine with a graphic blouse, tailored coat and pumps, an outfit that successfully took me from the office to dinner with friends afterward.

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The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Sandra

TD Canada Trust Employee

Age: 21

What she's wearing
Aritzia Sweater, jean jacket from Garage, paisley scarf from the market in downtown Ottawa, leggings from American Apparel, and Combat Boots from Spring.

Her inspiration
"I am inspired by my mood! I dress according to how I am generally feeling when I get up!"

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The brass bar cart is making a return

After keeping a close eye on the interiors of Mad Men and Downton Abbey, a chic bar cart is a staple furniture item, whether you live in a modern home or a traditional estate. Having a handy roll away cart to entertain is an impressive way to serve up cocktails. Here's a lineup of brass drink carts — from traditional to modern in style. Not since the '60s and '70s have we seen brass so chic. And although we may consider gold metal tones as traditional, we now have a whole new appreciation for this tone of metal.

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Liberations Bar Cart

Simple industrial cart design gets glamourized with rubbed brass and leather. $775, crateandbarrel.com

San Miguel Trolly

Faux-bamboo detailing and bumper-front curves will keep the traditionalists happy when entertaining. $700, bombay.ca

Connaught Antique Brass Bar Cart

Scaled-down size makes the perfect cart to be used for serving drinks or in a master bath to hold towels. $1,600, upcountry.com

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Greenwater is the perfect blend of the other three models in size and need, with three bedrooms, one bath and a large open kitchen with a walk-in pantry.

For the single individual, or the couple who may be looking to start a family, Rowan is the home for you. Featuring two bedrooms and one bath, this 1,040-square-foot home even has main floor laundry.

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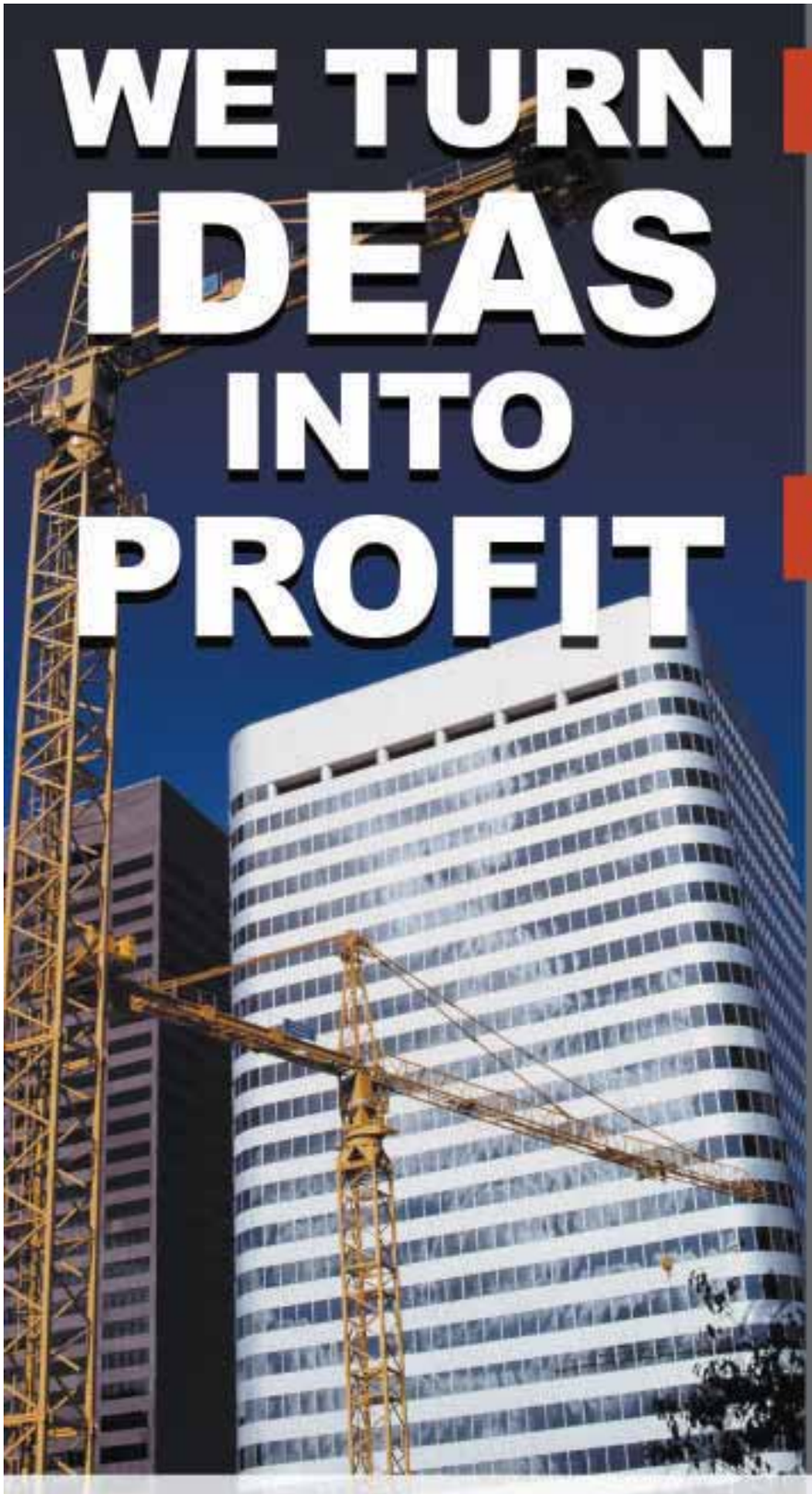

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FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ON THE CITY AT CENTRE SQUARE PLACE

Centre Square Place is a 10-storey, 71-unit condominium project — currently under construction — located on the southwest corner of 15th Avenue and Broad Street. Comprised of three townhouses, 64 apartment-style condos and four penthouses, it has quickly become one of the most recognizable features in Regina's expanding downtown skyline.

The most prominent feature is the expansive windows. Making up more than 60 per cent of the building's exterior, the windows "focus your attention on the surrounding city," says Wayne Hydeman, president of Centre Square Developments.

With 180-degree glass corners and curved outer walls forming part of each unit, clients are afforded wide, panoramic views of the city — downtown Regina to the north, Wascana Centre and the University of Regina to the south, and the legislature grounds to the southwest.

The large windows are double glazed and made of low-E glass so they minimize lighting needs during the day while also insulating the homes.

Other features consistent with current best practices for energy efficient buildings include low-wattage LED lighting and Energy Star appliances. The building itself uses a rainwater recovery system, a natural ventilation cooling system, high-efficiency condensing boilers, and sleep cycle elevators.

"Many of our buyers want to live a more efficient lifestyle," Hydeman says. "Centre Square Place delivers that in a beautiful package."

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This modern dwelling inspires a modern lifestyle.

Centre Square Place enables residents to balance their work with their leisure, their social time with their personal time, and brings them back in touch with the vibrancy that city life has to offer.

The central location is "perfect for someone who likes being in the middle of it all," says Wayne Hydeman, president of Centre Square Developments. "Downtown shopping, entertainment and work are walking distances away, but residents also get the space and comfort of a well-appointed home."

Public transit stops are just around the corner, and the building has bike storage for cycling enthusiasts. Centre Square Place supports residents' desires to live a lower impact lifestyle.

Whatever their mode of transport, residents can enjoy the outdoors minutes from their doorstep. Wascana Centre, Regina's largest public park, has picnic areas, walking paths, birdwatching and expansive parkland to enjoy within two blocks walking distance of Centre Square Place.

When shopping is the order of the day, residents have a plethora of options close by, from casual to upscale, including Cornwall Centre mall, which houses more than 100 shops and eateries.

For meals, stay in or dine out — the choice is yours. Groceries and farmers' markets are just around the corner, as are many of Regina's world-class restaurants, including Crave Kitchen and Wine Bar, Tangerine, and Flip Eatery.

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When residents want to get some fresh air without straying too far from home, Hydeman adds that Centre Square Place's rooftop garden is "a social gathering place for residents and their guests."

On the roof, residents can take advantage of the seating areas, barbecue area and walking paths among landscaped plants and trees.

"Residents will get the full impact of Centre Square Place's panoramic views up there," Hydeman says. "It's going to be a special place."

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ONE-OF-A-KIND ARCHITECTURE

The Land of Living Skies deserves buildings that emphasize its beauty. That was the idea behind the unique architectural design of Centre Square Place, according to Wayne Hydeman, president of Centre Square Developments.

"Centre Square Place is one of a kind for Regina," he says. "We worked very closely with the city planning department and city council. Because of the type of permit, we had more flexibility about what we could build."

He and his architects, Number TEN Architectural Group, took advantage of that flexibility. The building has a circular floor plate that gives it an appealing, rounded look, and provides each unit a wide-angle view of the city.

Seen from the outside, the building's cylindrical structure plays on the stark beauty of the Prairie, and its large expanses of glass reflect the famous Saskatchewan sunsets.

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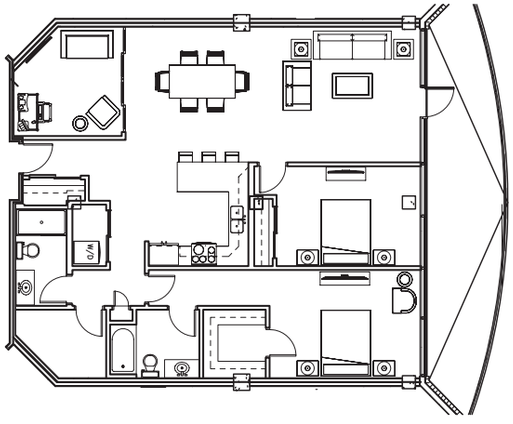

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This recipe serves six. Each serving contains 380 calories and 10 grams of fat. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE)

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This is a great vegetable or main course dish. The stock and milk sauce replaces traditional white béchamel sauces, which contain excess calories and fat.

1. Preheat oven to broil. Broil peppers in oven or grill for 15 minutes or until charred, turning often. Let cool for 5 minutes. Remove tops of peppers and save. Peel skin and de-seed, leaving whole pepper intact. This can be done under cool running water.

2. Cook pasta in boiling water according to package instructions or until firm to the bite. Drain and place in large bowl.

3. Make the sauce: In large nonstick skillet, heat oil; sauté garlic and onions until soft, approximately 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 1 minute.

4. Meanwhile, combine stock and flour in small bowl; add to tomato mixture and simmer just until sauce thickens slightly, approximately 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour over pasta; add basil, margarine, prosciutto and cheese. Mix well. Stuff peppers until full, saving remainder as a side dish. Place pepper top over pasta, to act as lid. ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE) BY: ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 6 medium sweet bell peppers (green, red and/or yellow)
- 12 oz spaghettini

Sauce

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 3/4 cup diced onions
- 1 3/4 cups diced tomatoes
- 1 1/4 cups cold chicken stock
- 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 tbsp margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup chopped prosciutto or ham
- 3 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

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MLB

Bautista extra special in Jays' win over Rays

Jose Bautista homered twice and drove in Colby Rasmus with the winning run in the 10th inning to give the Toronto Blue Jays a 4-3 come-from-behind win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday in Toronto.

Rasmus reached on an infield single and later scored when Bautista singled off Rays reliever Kyle Farnsworth.

An inning earlier, Bautista — who had four hits and four RBIs — hit a game-tying blast off Tampa Bay closer Fernando Rodney. Reliever Aaron Loup (2-3) picked up the victory as Toronto improved to 19-27 by taking the rubber game of the three-game series.

Tampa Bay (24-22) had taken a one-run lead in the top of the ninth. Evan Longoria hit a one-out double off Toronto closer Casey Janssen and scored on James Loney's single.

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NFL

Offences need fear Urlacher no longer

Brian Urlacher wasn't sure how dominant he could be any longer, so he's calling it a career after 13 seasons with the Chicago Bears.

And what a career it was:

- Eight Pro Bowl seasons.
- Defensive Player of the Year in 2005.
- A trip to the Super Bowl as 2006 NFC champion.

Urlacher announced his retirement through social media accounts Wednesday.

"Although I could continue playing, I'm not sure I would bring a level of performance or passion that's up to my standards," he said in a statement.

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The Sharks' T.J. Galiardi has his shot stopped by Kings goalie Jonathan Quick during Game 4 in San Jose on Tuesday night. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

L.A. goalie quick to cry foul, Shark says

NHL playoffs. Galiardi accuses last year's Conn Smythe Trophy winner of flopping

Kings goalie Jonathan Quick sometimes seems to be the only obstacle between San Jose and the Western Conference finals while the Sharks dominate much of their 2-2 series with the defending Stanley Cup champions.

And if Quick needed any extra motivation to stop the Sharks again in the pivotal Game 5 on Thursday night, T.J. Galiardi provided it.

Galiardi accused the Conn Smythe Trophy-winning goalie of exaggerating contact with opposing players Wednesday, claiming Quick attempts to draw undeserved penalties.

"What kind of bugs me about him, I don't know if I should say it, but a little embellishment every now and then," Galiardi said after the Sharks' workout in San Jose. "You skate by and you don't even touch him, or you barely even touch him, and he's throwing his hands in the air. So that's one of those things. It's playoffs. Everyone is trying to draw a penalty. Whatever."

Galiardi apparently was displeased by Quick's reaction to an encounter during the Sharks' 2-1 victory in Game 4 on Tuesday night, with Quick fruitlessly arguing for an interference call after Galiardi made contact with him. Galiardi's comments added even more spice to this lively series heading back to Staples Center, where the Kings have won 12 straight games since March.

Galiardi has never scored a playoff goal in his five-year NHL career, so he's hardly the most likely candidate to challenge Quick's post-season sportsmanship. Quick wasn't in the Kings' dressing room after practice at their training complex Wednesday.

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Keeping the Kings in it

After holding St. Louis to 10 goals in the six-game first round, Jonathan Quick has allowed just seven goals in four games against San Jose, stopping 122 of 129 shots in an otherwise frequently one-sided series.

Wholesale changes behind Canucks' bench

Alain Vigneault GETTY IMAGES

Canucks coach Alain Vigneault has paid the price for another early exit from the playoffs.

The club fired Vigneault and assistants Rick Bowness and Newell Brown on Wednesday, as the expected fallout from the Canucks' first-round sweep at the hands of the San Jose Sharks finally came to pass.

The Canucks' all-time leader in coaching wins, Vigneault led the club to six Northwest Division titles, two Presidents' Trophy titles and an appearance in the 2011 Stanley Cup final.

But Vancouver was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs the last two seasons, including the four-game loss to the Sharks. It was the first time in 12 years that the Canucks have been swept.

Vigneault leaves Vancouver with a 313-170-57 regular-season record over seven seasons, but a 33-32 record in the playoffs.

"We're in a results-oriented business and if you look at the last two playoffs we've been in, we were the higher-seeded team but lost the first two games at home," Canucks president and general manager Mike Gillis said at a press conference Wednesday. "We lost consecutive games in the last two playoff years, and there comes a point in time where the message has to change and we have to be better. And we simply didn't get the result we expected."

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4 SPORTS

Blades ready to make history

Blades defencemen Duncan Siemens, left, and Darren Dietz, and forwards Shane McColgan, Matej Stransky and Erik Benoit celebrate a goal against the Halifax Mooseheads on Sunday. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Memorial Cup. Team veterans hope to cap disappointing season with a win at home

Saskatoon Blades captain Brenden Walker and his teammates know their time together is almost up.

The 20-year-old overage centre leads a veteran roster at the MasterCard Memorial Cup that's looking to go out on top after a trying season that still has a chance for a happy ending.

The host team at the tournament was assembled with the sole purpose of winning the Canadian Hockey League title, but stumbled badly late in the season and was swept in the first round of the Western Hockey League playoffs.

After a long break that included mounting criticism, the Blades lost 3-2 in the Memorial Cup opener to the London Knights before bouncing back with a big 5-2 upset win over the No. 1 ranked Halifax Mooseheads on Sunday for their first victory in over two months, giving them momentum ahead of Wednesday's game.

Walker says it isn't lost on the players that as many as 18 of them could be participating in their final week of CHL hockey.

"We're laying it all out there," Walker said on Tuesday. "There's nothing to rest for so the guys will take a shot in the teeth, whatever it takes."

Blades defenceman Duncan Siemens, a first-round pick of the Colorado Avalanche in 2011, says the Memorial Cup brings out the best in players.

"There's not too many things out there that can beat the stage that we're on. It's one of the hardest trophies in sports to win," he said. "You see that every night when guys go out there and are diving head first in front of pucks and doing absolutely everything they can to help their team."

Overage right-winger Josh Nicholls has three goals and an assist through the Blades' first two games at the Memorial Cup. The 21-year-old, property of the New York Rangers, has played in Saskatoon for five seasons and says the Blades understand the enormity of the situation for a team that has had its share of doubters.

"We want it to be a special moment for us to all finish our careers together and make it a championship year," Nicholls said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bringing it home

"I think everyone deserves a championship in this city and we feel like we're really lucky."

Blades right-winger Josh Nicholls on the opportunity to bring the Memorial Cup to Saskatoon for team alumni and the city's diehard fans.

For coverage of last night's game visit metronews.ca

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Chances are you will waste a considerable amount of time today doing nothing. And why shouldn't you? You can't be a live wire Aries every day of the week. Goof off, but only a little.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Why are you using up so much energy trying to change things you know cannot be changed? Yes, OK, your sense of purpose is impressive but there comes a point when it just becomes stupid. Give it up.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Sometimes it's not wise to dig deeply, especially in areas where people's secrets are concerned. If nothing else, it gives people an excuse to do a little digging in your affairs too.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If your instincts tell you that something is wrong, you must not allow loved ones to persuade you otherwise. You are entitled to your point of view and you don't have to change it for anyone.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Try to resist the urge to spend your hard-earned cash on things you don't really need. Yes, of course, there are more important things in life than money but that does not mean you should throw it away.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is something a partner needs to be told and you know it is you who must tell it. You also know they won't be happy to be made to face up to the truth. It's for their own benefit.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You need a change of scene, so if you get the chance to go somewhere different today, even if it's just a walk round the block, take it. A new environment will give you a new perspective on your problems.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Whatever setbacks you may have experienced recently, your long-term outlook is good so stop worrying. You may find that hard to believe but the planets don't lie.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be tempted to open your heart and let everyone know how you feel but is that a bright idea? There are people out there who would happily use your honesty against you.

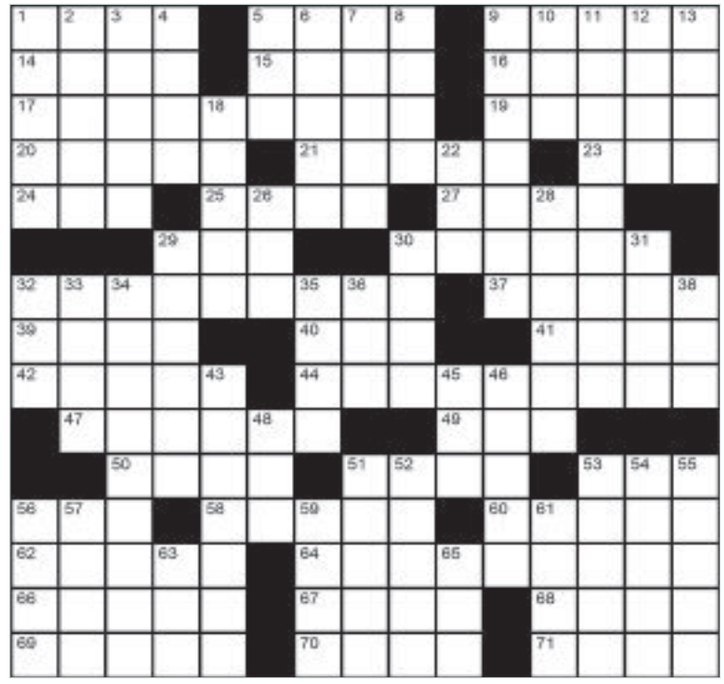
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The most important thing over the next few days is that you have faith in yourself. Talent and experience are important, of course, but self-belief trumps everything.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have to say something to a friend that sounds a bit harsh but it is for their own good. They will be stronger for it in the long-term — and they will always remember it was you who made it possible.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Be careful you don't jump to conclusions today, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who thinks more with your heart than your head. Give others a chance to explain before you pass judgement. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

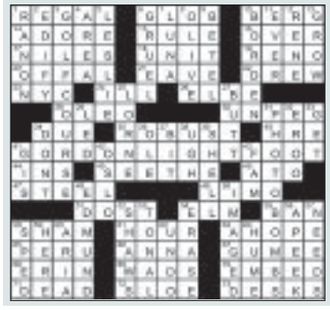
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Be unwilling/complain
5. Computer company
9. Upper Fort __ (Historical site in Manitoba)
14. Fertilizer ingredient
15. Timbuktu's locale in Africa
16. Permeate
17. Vancouver's __ Island
19. "__ Fat Greek Wedding" (2002): 2 wds.
20. Los Angeles basketballer
21. Snake's toxin
23. HS subject
24. Winding shape
25. Candid
27. Billboard
29. Note before Lah
30. Pour†out wine
32. New Brunswick city
37. Actor Chris of "American Pie"
39. Take _ __ dancing lesson
40. Regret
41. Sgt. Snorkel's comic strip dog
42. Mow the grass shorter
44. Johnny Depp's frequent movie director: 2 wds.
47. 'Synthetica' is this Canadian band's current album
49. Sort of tribute
50. Workshop implement
51. Garbage bag brand
53. Bird that's a thief
56. Auto
58. Actor Mr. Davis
60. Ahead of time
62. Visibly stunned
64. French __, as per education
66. Nouveau __ ($$$)
67. Its capital is Muscat
68. Terrible tsar
69. Gambling card game
70. R&B singer, __-__
71. Singer Ms. Dobson

Down
1. Military instrument
2. Rich tapestry
3. Drip-drops
4. "Citizen __" (1941)
5. "Who __ _ to say?"
6. Birth a bovine
7. "Grey's Anatomy" star Ms. Pompeo
8. Zippo ...mais en francais
9. Marketing ploy, for instance
10. Canadian singer/songwriter Ms. Sky
11. 11th Prime Minister, from 1930 to 1935: _._. __
12. Destroy
13. Safecracker
18. High speedster's sound
22. Suffix with 'Lact'
26. __ Beta Kappa
28. Aplenty
29. Canadian cheese giant since 1954
30. Per __ (Daily)
31. Musician Mr. Puente
32. Impair
33. Detail
34. NASCAR venue
35. Federal org. concerning broadcasting
36. Aujourd'__ (Today, in French)
38. __-stick frying pan
43. "Raise a Little Hell" band
45. __ constrictor
46. Bovid bag
48. French pronoun
51. "That's mine!!"
52. Catriona __ __ Doan, Canadian Olympian/broadcaster
53. Ambition
54. "We need _ __ of bread." ...said the store-stuff needer
55. Kathleen __, Premier of Ontario
56. Kind of fish
57. Currency exchange fee
59. Priory of __
61. "Like, that's ever going to happen.": 2 wds.
63. "__ Loves You" by The Beatles
65. Roxy Music's Brian

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

1				7				4
	6				2	3	8	
	5		4	3				
	8					1		
3		7				6		2
		9					5	
				5	3		4	
	2	3	8				1	
4				1				9

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	6	2	5	1	4	7	8	3
8	3	1	9	6	7	4	2	5
5	7	4	8	2	3	6	9	1
2	5	7	3	4	1	9	6	8
6	9	3	7	8	2	1	5	4
4	1	8	6	9	5	2	3	7
1	8	9	4	5	6	3	7	2
3	4	6	2	7	8	5	1	9
7	2	5	1	3	9	8	4	6

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